

R2-20-101 Definitions

In addition to the definitions provided in A.R.S. §§ 16-901 and 16-961, the following shall apply to the Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

8. **“Election cycle,”** for the purposes of providing equalizing funds, means the time period between ~~21~~ 51 days after the preceding general election and the current general election date.

R2-20-108. Termination of Participating Candidate Status

- A. A candidate may voluntarily request termination of ~~terminate~~ his or her participating candidate status at any time prior to notification by the Commission that such candidate has qualified for Clean Elections funding. To withdraw from participating candidate status, a candidate shall send a letter to the Commission stating the candidate’s intent to withdraw and the reason for the withdrawal. The candidate shall not accept any private monies until the withdrawal is approved by the Commission. The Commission shall act on the withdrawal request within seven days. If the Commission takes no action ~~in~~ within the seven-day time period, the withdrawal is automatic. ~~and the candidate shall immediately begin the process of returning public funds to the Fund.~~

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- B. A candidate whose participating candidate status has been terminated in accordance with this Section shall be ineligible to receive Clean Elections funding for that election cycle unless he/she reapplies for certification and is in compliance with R2-20-104(A) and R2-20104(C).

R2-20-702. Use of Campaign Funds

- C. A participating candidate shall not use funds in the candidate’s campaign account for:
 1. Costs of legal defense in any campaign law enforcement proceeding.
 2. Food and beverages for staff and volunteers exceeding \$11 for breakfast, \$16 for lunch, and \$27 for dinner per person.
 3. Personal use, which includes, but is not limited to, any item listed below:
 - a. Household food items or supplies.
 - b. Clothing, other than items of de minimis value that are used in the campaign, such as campaign “t-shirts” or caps with campaign slogans.
 - c. Tuition payments, other than those associated with training campaign staff.
 - d. Mortgage, loan, rent, lease or utility payments:
 - e. Admission to a sporting event, concert, theater or other form of entertainment, unless part of a specific campaign activity.
 - f. Dues, fees or gratuities at a country club, health club, recreational facility or other nonpolitical organization, unless they are part of the costs of a specific fundraising event that takes place on the organization’s premises.
 - g. Gifts or donations.
 - h. Extended warranties or other similar purchase options that extend beyond the campaign.

4. For any part of any personal residence of the candidate or a member of the candidate's family; or
5. For real or personal property that is owned or leased by the candidate or a member of the candidate's family and used for campaign purposes, to the extent the payments exceed the fair market value of the property usage.
6. Fixed assets with a value in excess of \$800 provided the item is for a sufficient campaign use. Fixed assets purchased with campaign funds that can be used for non-campaign purposes with a value of \$200 or more shall be turned in to the Commission no later than 30 days after the primary election or the general election if the candidate was successful in the primary. A candidate may elect to reimburse the Commission for 50% of the original purchase price of the item instead of turning in the item.
7. Joint campaign expenditure with a nonparticipating candidate who has previously triggered matching funds for the participating candidate during the primary or general election cycle in which the proposed expenditure is to take place.
8. [Payment for goods or services to a family member as defined in R2-20-101\(13\).](#)